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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

1976 SPRING DECUS SYMPOSIUM AT ATLANTA

THE ATLANTA MEETING INCLUDED MANY SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO RT-11 USERS. I WILL ATTEMPT TO REPORT IN THIS ARTICLE AND IN THE NEXT ISSUE ON THOSE I WAS ABLE TO ATTEND. I ENCOURAGE OTHER ATTENDEES TO REPORT ON SESSIONS I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

RT-11 PRODUCT PANEL

THIS SESSION WAS RECORDED, SO A FULL REPORT WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THE TRANSCRIPT BECOMES AVAILABLE. PLANS FOR VERSION 3 WERE ANNOUNCED AS WELL AS FUTURE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE POLICY.

RSX-11M MACRO WILL BE MOVED TO RT-11. THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR ASSEMBLE AND EXPAND, AND ENABLE PSECTS AND GLOBAL ARITHMETIC. EXTRACTION OF A MODULE FROM THE LIBRARY WILL BE MADE POSSIBLE. THE LINKER WILL NOT RECEIVE A NEW STRUCTURE.

A DISK UTILITY PROGRAM WILL BE ADDED TO HANDLE DIRECTORY INITIALIZATION AND OTHER FUNCTIONS NOW HANDLED BY PIP.

THE ? FEATURE WILL BE ADDED TO PIP.

TECO WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED IN VERSION 3.

THE MT HANDLER WILL BE SPLIT INTO A FILES HANDLER AND A

HARDWARE-MODE HANDLER.

MEMORY MANAGEMENT WILL BE SUPPORTED VIA 18 BIT ADDRESSING FOR HANDLERS AND PLAS (PROGRAM LOGICAL ADDRESS SPACE) AS IN RSX-11M.

THESE CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED VIA SYSGEN OPTION OR OPTIONAL MODULES, SO SMALL USERS WILL NOT BE IMPACTED.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE POLICY.

VERSION 3 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN MARCH.

A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT WILL BE GIVEN NEXT ISSUE, WHEN THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

DOCUMENTATION WORKSHOP

IN ADVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTATION WORKSHOP, FRED MAGEE (RT-11 SIG DOCUMENTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN) AND I MET WITH ARMEN VARTORESSIAN TO DISCUS DOCUMENTATION NEEDS.

THIS SESSION WAS ALSO RECORDED, AND A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT WILL BE GIVEN IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF THE MINITASKER.

THE V02C SYSTEM REFERENCE MANUAL WILL BE DIVIDED INTO A SYSTEM USER'S GUIDE AND AN ADVANCED PROGRAMMER'S GUIDE. A MASTER INDEX AND INTRODUCTION TO RT-11 WILL BE ADDED.

USERS VOLUNTEERED THEIR IN-HOUSE INTRODUCTORY DOCUMENTATION TO GIVE THE WRITERS SOME INDICATION OF WHAT IS NEEDED IN THAT AREA. IF YOU HAVE SUCH DOCUMENTATION, PLEASE SEND IT TO ME FOR FORWARDING TO DEC.

RT-11 SIG

THE RT-11 SIG MEETING FOCUSED ON THE DECUS LIBRARY AND LOCAL USER GROUPS (LUGS). GREGG CHURCH OF THE WASHINGTON D.C. LUG REPORTED ON HIS EXPERIENCE IN HELPING TO FORM THE LUG, AND ON WHAT BENEFITS HE RECEIVES FOR HIS PARTICIPATION. EXCHANGE OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE EXPERTISE, MAINTENANCE OF A LOCAL LIBRARY, MEDIA EXCHANGE, AND FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE APPLICATIONS OF THE OTHER USERS WERE CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT. THE INTERFACE WITH DIGITAL IS OF GREAT VALUE, BUT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEGENERATE INTO A GRIPE SESSION.

OF THE 2500 KNOWN INSTALLATIONS, ONLY 700 ARE ON THE SIG MAILING LIST. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE FILL OUT A SIG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM, EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE SO.

SINCE MANY RT-11 INSTALLATIONS ARE SMALL, THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM. LOCAL USER GROUPS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THESE INSTALLATIONS. SEVERAL ATTENDEES VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ORGANIZE LUGS IN THEIR AREAS. A LIST OF ALL KNOWN LUG CONTACTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THIS ISSUE. IF THERE IS NO GROUP IN YOUR AREA AND YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP START ONE, WE WILL ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST.

DAVE SYKES, OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DECUS LIBRARY COMMITTEE, REPORTED ON THE STATE OF THE LIBRARY, AS REGARDS LIMITATIONS IN MEDIA AVAILABILITY AND LACK OF RT-11 PROGRAMS. IT WAS DECIDED TO USE LUG LOCAL LIBRARIES TO SHAKE DOWN USER PROGRAMS, PROVIDE MEDIA EXCHANGE FOR LUG MEMBERS, AND DEVELOP TECHNIQUES SUCH AS MACHINE READABLE DOCUMENTATION AND STANDARDS. IN THIS WAY, WE HOPE TO HELP THE LIBRARY IN MAYNARD TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE USERS.

MEETING OF SIG CHAIRMEN AND DEC SOFTWARE ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

THE MAIN ISSUE AT THIS MEETING WAS THE NEED FOR INCREASED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DIGITAL MANAGEMENT AND SIG LEADERSHIP. THE SIG CHAIRMEN ALSO REQUESTED INCREASED FINANCIAL SUBSIDIZATION OF THE DECUS LIBRARY BY THE PRODUCT LINES, MORE HARDWARE FOR DEMONSTRATION IN THE EQUIPMENT AREA AT THE SYMPOSIUM, AND SOME CONFIGURATION AT THE SUMPOSIUM CAPABLE OF DOING MEDIA TRANSFER TO EXPEDITE USER EXCHANGE OF SOFTWARE.

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INSTALLATIONS

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The Creamery's RT-11 system consists of the following:

PDP-11/10

16K words of core memory

KW11-L line time clock

DR11-K general device interface

DL11-C asynch serial line interface

LA36 Decwriter II

RX11 dual floppy disk unit

PC11 paper tape reader/punch

The DR11-K interfaces an Infra-Red Milk Analyzer (IRMA) to the 11/10. The IRMA provides 16 bits of parallel data to the DR11-K. The DR11-K is bit interruptable via the first 3 high-order bits, and the resulting data is a datum component id and value. IRMA tests milk samples for their milkfat, protein and lactose percentages.

The DL11-C is interfaced to an INFORMER video display terminal (model D301) for the IRMA data displays at 2400 Baud.

We are using RT-11 version 2 with MACRO-11 and BASIC.

The Creamery also has an IBM 370/115 for batch commercial processing.

DEC

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT IN LINKER

PROBLEM: Speed performance of the linker.

DISPOSITION: An enhancement was made to the linker involving the execution time when linking with libraries. The most dramatic change in linking time is noticed when using a slower CPU (e.g., 11/05 or 11/10). The following patch is to LINK V04-04 (RT-11 V02C).

```
.R PATCH <CR>
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```
PATCH V01-02
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```
FILE NAME--
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```
*LINK.SAV <CR>
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*616/ 1043 1077<CR>
```

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*E
```

```
.R PATCH <CR>
```

```
PATCH V01-02
```

FILE NAME--
 *LINK.SAV/0 <CR>

?BOTTOM ADDR WRONG?

*500;B

*3242/	12700	105767 <LF>
3244/	1636	176531 <LF>
3246/	10146	1404 <LF>
3250/	10003	167 <LF>
3252/	12702	6040 <LF>
3254/	10	62704 <LF>
3256/	112420	10 <LF>
3260/	105767	11400 <LF>
3262/	176513	1416 <LF>
3264/	1412	21100 <LF>
3266/	20405	1372 <LF>
3270/	103410	26164 <LF>
3272/	10046	2 <LF>
3274/	105067	2 <LF>
3276/	176475	1366 <LF>
3300/	4767	12703 <LF>
3302/	1054	1636 <LF>
3304/	12600	10300 <LF>
3306/	105167	12420 <LF>
3310/	176463	12420 <LF>
3312/	5302	12420 <LF>
3314/	1360	12420 <LF>
3316/	10300	207 <LF>
3320/	5202	261 <LF>
3322/	22123	207 <CR>

*7210;0R

*2:0,2104/	XXX	12702 <LF>
2:0,2106/	XXX	4 <LF>
2:0,2110/	XXX	12703 <LF>
2:0,2112/	XXX	1636 <LF>
2:0,2114/	XXX	5714 <LF>
2:0,2116/	XXX	1424 <LF>
2:0,2120/	XXX	20405 <LF>
2:0,2122/	XXX	103406 <LF>
2:0,2124/	XXX	105067 <LF>
2:0,2126/	XXX	170435 <LF>
2:0,2130/	XXX	4767 <LF>
2:0,2132/	XXX	173014 <LF>
2:0,2134/	XXX	105167 <LF>
2:0,2136/	XXX	170425 <LF>
2:0,2140/	XXX	12423 <LF>
2:0,2142/	XXX	5302 <LF>
2:0,2144/	XXX	1365 <LF>
2:0,2146/	XXX	12703 <LF>
2:0,2150/	XXX	1636 <LF>

2:0,2152/	XXX	21113 <LF>
2:0,2154/	XXX	1353 <LF>
2:0,2156/	XXX	26163 <LF>
2:0,2160/	XXX	2 <LF>
2:0,2162/	XXX	2 <LF>
2:0,2164/	XXX	1347 <LF>
2:0,2166/	XXX	207 <LF>
2:0,2170/	XXX	261 <LF>
2:0,2172/	XXX	207 <CR>
*7216;0R		
*4:0,24\	40	101 <CR>

The new LINK version will be LINK V04-04A.

Note: The 780TOM ADDR WRONG? error is produced for the following reason. Patch expects LINK to be loaded at location 1000 (default), but is actually loaded starting in location 500. LINK's true base address must be set to its actual value (500;R).

SPRS

SYSTEM PROGRAM AND VERSION (OR DOCUMENT) MU BASIC/RT-11 V01-01		MONITOR AND VERSION RT-11 SJ V2C		DATE 11-MAY-76
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CPU TYPE 11/05	SERIAL NO. 210068	SYSTEM DEVICE RK11	MEMORY SIZE 32KB	DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM RK

PROBLEM:

THERE IS NO WAY FOR A PROGRAM TO SUSPEND OPERATION(SLEEP) FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

SOLUTIONS:

- 1) IMPLEMENT "SLEEP" SYS CALL**
- 2) USE A CALL TO AN ASSEMBLY SUBROUTINE**

INQUIRY:

DOES DIGITAL HAVE ANY PLANS FOR (A) AND HOW WOULD (B) BE IMPLEMENTED.

SYSTEM PROGRAM AND VERSION (OR DOCUMENT) EDITOR V02-12		MONITOR AND VERSION RT-11 V02C-02		DATE 26-APR-76												
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PROBLEM: The editor fails to trap directory I/O errors, causing the monitor to abort the job if the user tries to perform an Edit Write to an off-line or write-locked device, or an Edit Read from an off-line device. This of course can cause the entire editing session to be lost due to a small oversight.

DIAGNOSIS: The editor does not invoke the .SERR programmed request to prevent the monitor from aborting the job on encountering a directory I/O error or directory-full condition.

CURE: Allow the editor to trap directory I/O errors. The simple modification of inserting a .SERR in the code will do this. This has been done at this installation and has caused no problems, except for the fact that the monitor does not reset the soft/hard error flip-flop in the job impure area on program exit. (see SPR #30284)

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PROBLEM: RT-11 System Reference Manual DEC-11-ORUGA-C-D states on page 9-59 that R0 is set to 0 on return from a non-file structured .LOOKUP. This is in fact not the case. .LOOKUP returns the address of the DEVBLK in R0 after following a non-file structured .LOOKUP.

The attached program listing and printout demonstrate the above problem.

R MACRO
 *LOKTST, TT:=LOKTST

.MAIN. RT-11 MACRO VM02-12 23-APR-76 17:20:12 PAGE 1

```

1          ;      PROGRAM LOKTST
2          ;
3          ;      A SHORT TEST PROGRAM TO SEE WHAT LOOKUP RETURNS IN R0
4          ;
5          .MCALL  ..V2...REGDEF,.PRINT,.CSISPC,.LOOKUP
6          .MCALL  .TTYOUT,.CLOSE
7 000000    .REGDEF
8 000000    ..V2..
9 000000    START: .PRINT  #DEVMSG                ; PROMPT USER
10 000006    .CSISPC #OUTSPC,#DEFEXT,#0          ; INPUT FROM TT:
11 00024 103004 BCC      1$                      ; CHECK FOR .CSI ERRORS
12 00026    .PRINT  #HUHMSG
13 00034 000761 BR       START
14 00036    1$:   .LOOKUP #AREA,#0,#INSPC        ; LOOKUP 1ST INPUT FILE
15 00066 010002 MOV      R0,R2                  ; SAVE RETURN R0
16 00070 103007 BCC      2$                      ; NO C-BIT => NO ERROR
17 00072 113701 MOVB     @#52,R1                ; FETCH ERROR BYTE
    000052
1 00076    .PRINT  #ERRMSG
19 00104 004767 JSR      PC,OCTPRT              ; REPORT ERROR
    000030
20 00110 010201 2$:   MOV      R2,R1            ; FETCH SAVED R0
21 00112    .PRINT  #R0MSG                      ; REPORT IT
22 00120 004767 JSR      PC,OCTPRT
    000014
23 00124    .CLOSE  #0
24 00136 000720 BR       START
25
26          ;
27          ;      BINARY TO OCTAL PRINTER
28 00140 112700 OCTPRT: MOVB     #30,R0          ; FIRST DIGIT IS SIGN BIT
    000030
29 00144 000261 SEC
30 00146 006101 1$:   ROL      R1
31 00150 106100 ROLB     R0
32 00152    .TTYOUT                      ; PRINT IT
33 00156 112700 MOVB     #206,R0              ; LOAD SEED FOR OCTAL DIG
IT
    000206
34 00162 006301 2$:   ASL      R1              ; GET NEXT BIT
35 00164 001403 BEQ      OUT                  ; ALL DONE IF 0
36 00166 106100 ROLB     R0                  ; BUILD THE DIGIT
37 00170 103774 BCS      2$                  ; MORE TO COME
38 00172 000765 BR       1$                  ; NEXT DIGIT, IF ANY
39 00174    OUT:   .PRINT  #CRLF              ; APPEND <CR><LF>
40 00202 000207 RTS      PC
41
42          ;
43          ;      BUFFERS AND THINGS
44          ;
    NLIST  BEX
  
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45 00204      015 DEVMSG: .ASCII <15><12>/DEVICE:/(200)
46 00216      114 ERRMSG: .ASCII /LOOKUP ERROR= /(200)
47 00235      114 R0MSG: .ASCII /LOOKUP RETURNED R0= /(200)
48 00262      110 HUHMSG: .ASCIZ /HUH?/
49 00267      000 CRLF: .BYTE 0
50              .EVEN
51 00270              AREA: .BLKW 3
52 00276              OUTSPC: .BLKW 15.

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.MAIN. RT-11 MACRO VM02-12 23-APR-76 17:20:12 PAGE 1+

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53 00334      INSPC: .BLKW 24.
54 00414 000000 DEFEXT: .WORD 0,0,0,0
55              .NLIST SYM
56      000000'      .END START
ERRORS DETECTED: 0
FREE CORE: 15549. WORDS

```

LOKTST,TT:=LOKTST

```

ERRORS DETECTED: 0
FREE CORE: 15549. WORDS

```

*^C

```

.R LINK
*LOKTST=LOKTST

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*^C

.R LOKTST

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DEVICE:*RK:LOKTST.MAC
LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 000003

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OK

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DEVICE:*LOKTST.SAV
LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 000002

```

OK

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DEVICE:*LOKTST.XXX
LOOKUP ERROR= 000001
LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

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FILE DOES NOT EXIST, OK

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DEVICE:*RK:
LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

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NON-FILE STRUCTURED LOOKUP
RETURNS ADDRESS OF DEVBLK,
NOT 0 AS ADVERTISED.

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DEVICE:*TT:
LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

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DEVICE:*^C

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**SOFTWARE
PERFORMANCE
REPORT**

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PROBLEM: Different versions of the FORTRAN OTS (NHD,EIS,FIS,&EAE were tested) handle the problem of converting the real number -32768. to integer form in an inconsistent manner. As the attached program IRTEST and its output show, NHD reports integer overflow and aborts the conversion, EIS & FIS perform the conversion without complaining, and EAE gets the wrong answer.

DIAGNOSIS: a) Different programmers have different ideas about how to do things.
b) The module \$IR in the EAE version fails to take into account the fact That normalizing the numbers 100000(8) and 140000(8) gives the same result in the normalize shift count register (a special case for the EAE).

CURE: a) For the EAE problem, the source code obviously must be fixed.
b) For the general problem of inconsistency in the treatment of the integer -32768, I recommend that it be allowed as a valid integer, since some users may want to manipulate 16-bit unsigned integers in FORTRAN. (I do.)

(//)

SOFTWARE COMMUNICATIONS USE ONLY

DO NOT

DATE RECEIVED

BACK FROM MAINTAINER

LOGGED ON

*R FORTRA
?ILL CMD?
*CC

.R FORTRA
*IRTEST,TT:=IRTEST/L:1

FORTRAN IV V01C-03A TUE 27-APR-76 15:55:15 PAGE 001

```
0001      PROGRAM IRTEST
          C
          C      FLOAT ALL INTEGERS, FIX THEM, AND COMPARE RESULTS
          C
0002      CALL SETERR(1,0)
0003      TYPE 100          !SIGN ON
0004      DO 10 I=32767,-32767,-1      !DO ALL NORMAL INTEGERS IN LOOP
0005  10      CALL ICHECK(I)
0006      CALL ICHECK(I)          !I COMES OUT OF LOOP = -32768
0007      STOP
0008  100      FORMAT (' IRTEST - TEST INTEGER TO REAL CONVERSIONS')
0009      END
```

FORTRAN IV V01C-03A TUE 27-APR-76 15:55:36 PAGE 001

```
0001      SUBROUTINE ICHECK(I)
0002      R = I          !FLOAT IT
0003      J = R          !FIX IT AGAIN
0004      IF (J .NE. I) TYPE 100,I,I,R,J      !REPORT ERRORS
0006      RETURN
0007  100      FORMAT (X,I,0,' FLOAT-> ',F,' IFIX-> ',,0)
0008      END
*CC
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.R LINK
*IRTEST.NHD=IRTEST,FORLIB.NHD

*IRTEST.EIS=IRTEST,\,\,FORLIB.EIS

*IRTEST.FIS=IRTEST,FORLIB.FIS

*IRTEST.EAE=IRTEST,FORLIB.EAE/L/I

LIBRARY SEARCH:
\$SIMRT
\$8K

5 NOTE .LDA FILE FOR
EAE. WILL PUNCH
(12) PAPER TAPE & TRANSPORT
TO STAND ALONE SYSTEM

*CC

.NOW RUN THE TESTS FOR NHD, EIS, & FIS. EAE WILL BE RUN ON STANDALONE SYSTEM

R IRTEST.NHD

IRTEST - TEST INTEGER TO REAL CONVERSIONS
?ERR 1 INTEGER OVERFLOW
IN ROUTINE "ICHECK" LINE 3

← NOTE OVERFLOW
FROM 'J=R' STATEMENT

-32768 100000 FLOAT-> -32768.0000000 IFIX-> 0
STOP --

R IRTEST.EIS

IRTEST - TEST INTEGER TO REAL CONVERSIONS
STOP --

← NOTE NO OVERFLOW

R IRTEST.FIS

IRTEST - TEST INTEGER TO REAL CONVERSIONS

EAE RUNNING IRTEST.LDA

IRTEST - TEST INTEGER TO REAL CONVERSIONS
-32768 100000 FLOAT-> -16384.0000000 IFIX-> 140000
STOP --

***** STOP

← ← ←
NOTE NO OVERFLOW,
INCORRECT CONVERSION
FROM INTEGER -32768
TO REAL -16384.

CONVERTING BACK TO
INTEGER GIVES 140000₈

\$IR CONVERSION MODULE
(13) CAN'T TELL DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN 100000 AND 140000
(EAE VERSION)

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Problem: The .SERR programmed request sets the background into the soft error condition permanently, even when the program exits. This condition exists until a program performs a .HERR request. This would not seem to be the intention of the system designers.

Diagnosis: The soft/hard error flip/flop is not reset to the default condition between background jobs.

The attached program listing and printout demonstrate the problem.
(see SPR #30283 for listing of LOKTST program.)

R MARKU
*SERR, TT:=SERR

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1          ;          PROGRAM SERR
2          ;
3          ;          PROGRAM DOES .SERR AND THEN EXITS
4          ;
5          .MCALL .SERR,.EXIT,...V2..
6 000000    ..V2..
7 000000    START: .SERR
8 000006    .EXIT
9          000000' .END      START

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START 000000R ... V2 = 000001

ABS. 000000 000

000010 001

ERRORS DETECTED: 0

FREE CORE: 16053. WORDS

SERR, TT:=SERR

ERRORS DETECTED: 0

FREE CORE: 16053. WORDS

*^C

.R LINK

*SERR=SERR

*^C

.R LOKTST

DEVICE:*RK:

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*TT:

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*RF:

?M-NO DEV 001066

.R SERR

.R LOKTST

DEVICE:*RK:

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*TT:

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*RF:

LOOKUP ERROR= 177776

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*LP:

LOOKUP ERROR= 177776

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*RP:

LOOKUP ERROR= 177776

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*RQ:

LOOKUP ERROR= 177776

LOOKUP RETURNED R0= 001334

DEVICE:*^C

← MONITOR TRAPS ERROR
FROM .LOOKUP WITH
NO .FETCH

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DOES .SERR, EXITS

MONITOR NO LONGER
TRAPS HARD ERRORS,
WHICH IT SHOULD.
LOKTST DOES NOT
DO .SERR, SO DEFAULT
SHOULD BE .HERR.

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EDIT, when reading in a file which is exactly "n" blocks long, loses the ~~first~~ last character of the file.

The following set of commands will produce the error:

.R EDIT

*511<IX\$>\$IY\$V\$

{EDIT produces a string 511 X's followed by one Y}

*EW TEMP \$ EX\$

.RE

*ER TEMP \$ R \$ L \$

{EDIT produces a string of 511 X's, but no Y!}

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